

1 SENATE RESOLUTION 2

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 AMENDING THE SENATE RULES TO REQUIRE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
12 CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO PROPORTIONALITY AND FAIRNESS OF  
13 CERTAIN CUTS OR REVERSIONS.

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15 WHEREAS, Senate Rule 24-1 provides that the rules of the  
16 senate may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of all the members  
17 of the senate or by a majority vote of the members of the  
18 senate upon the recommendation of the rules committee; and

19 WHEREAS, some in the senate propose to cut and revert  
20 tribal capital outlay projects without a full analysis of  
21 whether such cuts and reversions are proportional, fair, right  
22 or equitable; and

23 WHEREAS, a budget based on a mistaken understanding of  
24 facts and history can be devastating to local populations  
25 relying on the legislature for its fair judgment of the merits

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1 of cuts to and reversions of capital projects; and

2 WHEREAS, in general, the senate should be well-informed on  
3 the fairness and equity of budgets;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
5 OF NEW MEXICO that a new Senate Rule 9-14 be adopted to read:

6 "9-14 The senate finance committee shall consider an  
7 analysis of and report on the per capita fairness of  
8 a cut to or reversion of funding for a capital  
9 project prior to producing a committee report on the  
10 bill proposing such a cut or reversion. The  
11 analysis shall be made by the legislative finance  
12 committee. The analysis shall consist of a  
13 comparison of the per capita fiscal impact upon the  
14 county in which the capital project is located with  
15 the per capita fiscal impact of other capital  
16 projects in the state's other counties."